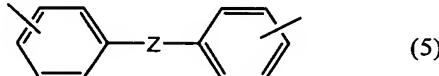
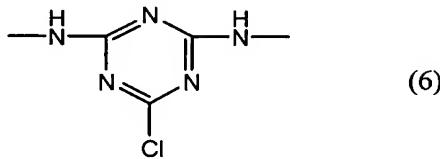


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10. (Amended) The process for producing the dye according to claim 9, wherein in the formula (C), X is an alkylene group, a phenylene group, a xylylene group, a naphthylene group, a biphenylene group or a divalent bonding group represented by the formula (5)



in which Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, -CO-, -NHCONH-, -NHCSNH-, -CH=CH- or the formula (6)



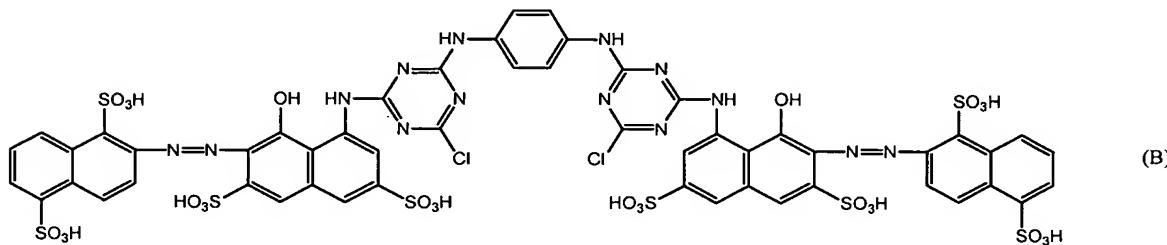
(these bonding groups may be substituted with a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a carboxyl group or a sulfonic acid group).

11. (Amended) The process for producing the dye according to claim 9, wherein in the formula (C), X is an optionally substituted phenylene group.

12. (Amended) The process for producing the dye according to claim 9, wherein in the formula (C), A is a naphthyl group (the naphthyl group may be substituted with any of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid ester group, a carboxylic acid amide group, a sulfonic acid group and a sulfonic acid amide group).

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13. (Amended) The process for producing the dye according to claim 9,
wherein the dye is a dye represented by the formula (B)



or its salt.

14. (Amended) Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 13.

Please add the following new claims:

15. The aqueous ink for ink jet recording according to claim 1, wherein in the formula (A), X is an optionally substituted phenylene group.

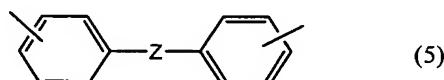
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16. The aqueous ink for ink jet recording according to claim 15, wherein in the formula (A), A is a naphthyl group (the naphthyl group may be substituted with any of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid ester group, a carboxylic acid amide group, a sulfonic acid group and a sulfonic acid amide group).

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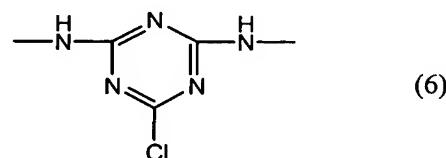
17. The aqueous ink for ink jet recording according to claim 2, wherein in the formula (A), A is a naphthyl group (the naphthyl group may be substituted with any of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid ester group, a carboxylic acid amide group, a sulfonic acid group and a sulfonic acid amide group).

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 18. The aqueous ink for ink jet recording according to claim 1, wherein in the formula (A), A is a naphthyl group (the naphthyl group may be substituted with any of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid ester group, a carboxylic acid amide group, a sulfonic acid group and a sulfonic acid amide group).

19. The process for producing the dye according to claim 8, wherein in the formula (C), X is an alkylene group, a phenylene group, a xylylene group, a naphthylene group, a biphenylene group or a divalent bonding group represented by the formula (5)



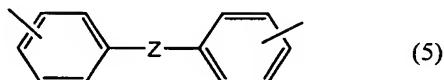
in which Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, -CO-, -NHCONH-, -NHCSNH-, -CH=CH- or the formula (6)



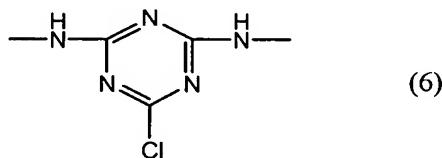
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(these bonding groups may be substituted with a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a carboxyl group or a sulfonic acid group).

20. The process for producing the dye according to claim 7, wherein in the formula (C), X is an alkylene group, a phenylene group, a xylylene group, a naphthylene group, a biphenylene group or a divalent bonding group represented by the formula (5)



in which Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, -CO-, -NHCONH-, -NHCSNH-, -CH=CH- or the formula (6)



(these bonding groups may be substituted with a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a carboxyl group or a sulfonic acid group).

21. The process for producing the dye according to claim 8, wherein in the formula (C), X is an optionally substituted phenylene group.

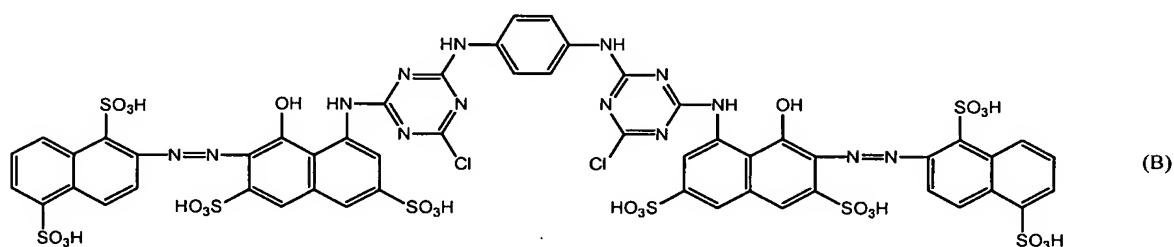
22. The process for producing the dye according to claim 7, wherein in the formula (C), X is an optionally substituted phenylene group.

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23. The process for producing the dye according to claim 8, wherein in the formula (C), A is a naphthyl group (the naphthyl group may be substituted with any of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid ester group, a carboxylic acid amide group, a sulfonic acid group and a sulfonic acid amide group).

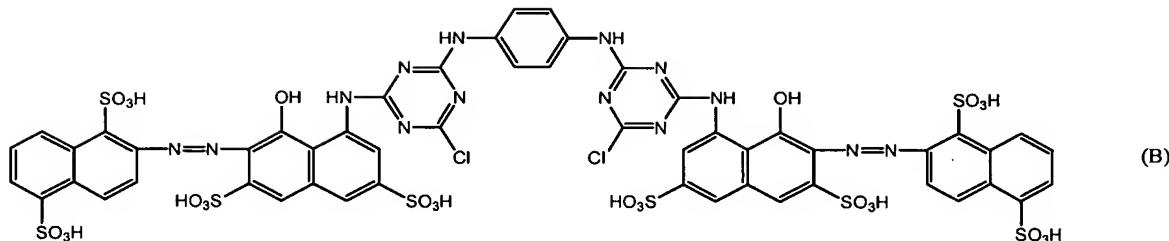
24. The process for producing the dye according to claim 7, wherein in the formula (C), A is a naphthyl group (the naphthyl group may be substituted with any of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid ester group, a carboxylic acid amide group, a sulfonic acid group and a sulfonic acid amide group).

25. The process for producing the dye according to claim 8, wherein the dye is a dye represented by the formula (B)



or its salt.

26. The process for producing the dye according to claim 7, wherein the dye is a dye represented by the formula (B)



or its salt.

27. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 12.

28. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 11.

29. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 10.

30. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 9.

31. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 8.

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32. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 7.

33. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 26.

34. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 25.

35. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 24.

36. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 23.

37 Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 22.

38. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 21.

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39. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 20.

40. Aqueous ink for ink jet recording characterized by containing at least one of the dyes produced by the process according to claim 19.

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